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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment B filed 12/31/02 has been entered. Claims 1-20 are pending in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olafsson (U.S. Pat. 6,163,570).

Regarding claims 1, 10, 12, Olafsson disclose a PCM modem including an analog modem coupled to a digital modem, a method for controlling the transmit power of the analog modem, comprising the steps of: comparing the transmit power level being less than or equal to the designated total transmit power limit (col. 11, lines 4-50). Olafsson fails to explicitly disclose a step of adjusting the transmit power level of the analog modem in accordance with the difference between the detected transmit power level and a desired transmit power level. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to adjust or lower transmit power level after comparing the transmit power level and a desired transmit power level in order to satisfy a transmit power required by FCC. Olafsson fails to explicitly disclose a step of detecting or measuring the transmit power level of the analog modem. However, in order to compare the transmit power level being less than or equal to the designated total transmit power limit as recited in col. 11, lines 4-50, the detecting or measuring step would be performed such as verify the total transmit power level (i.e.,

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low or high power level) used to compare with the desired power level. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to detect the transmit power level prior to comparison performed.

Olafsson also discloses wherein the detecting and the adjusting are performed during design of a constellation see Fig. 1 and 4.

Regarding claims 2-3, Olafsson also discloses that a transmit power verification procedure and scheme enables and accurately verifies the transmit power of a signal point constellation set regardless of the computational resolution of the components used in the two modem devices (col. 2, line 58 to col.3, line 8). In order to verify the transmit power levels sent from the one modem to another modem, therefore, the transmit power is inherently set by either one of the modem devices (i.e., the analog modem or the digital modem).

Regarding claim 4, Olafsson discloses the PCM modem system adjusting the power level of the analog modem by transmitting mapping parameters including the equivalence classes used in the analog modem and wherein the transmit power level is proportional to the number of equivalence classes (col.7 ,lines 41-59, and col.8, lines 24-45, i.e., the modem 202 may lower the transmit power limit to ensure that its computational precision does not cause an erroneous acceptance or rejection of training points or a signal point constellation set designed by modem 204).

Regarding claim 5, Olafsson discloses wherein the digital modem sets the analog modem transmit power by changing the number of equivalence classes

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employed (col.7, line 42 to col.8, line 10, i.e., a power calculation element 242 computes the total average transmit power of the signal point constellations in accordance with the designated power formula 240 and in a similar manner as transmit power calculation element 222 (resident at modem 202), also see col.10, line 58 to col.11, line 3)).

Regarding claim 6, Olafsson further discloses wherein the digital modem estimates the transmit power of the analog modem during a startup mode (col.8, lines 11-45).

Regarding claim 7, Olafsson discloses the step of transmitting the difference between the detected power level and the desired power level to the digital modem for use by the digital in changing the number of equivalence classes employed, thus to adjust level of the analog modem transmitter (col.7, lines 41-59, and col.8, lines 24-45)

Regarding claim 8, Olafsson also discloses wherein the adjustment of the transmit power level of the analog modem is such as to maintain the transmit power level within FCC set limits (col.5, lines 23-35, i.e., the transmit power level with a regulatory limit -12 dBm0 FCC limit).

Regarding claim 9, Olafsson does not explicitly disclose that the adjusted transmit power level at the analog modem optimizes the PCM modem system by minimizing echo power to minimize noise components due to echo cancellation and by minimizing non-linearities and downstream performance degradation. However, Olafsson discloses that the transmit power level is adjusted at regulatory limit, such as

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the -12 dBm0 FCC (col.8, lines 24-45). Therefore, the adjustment of the transmit power level inherently minimizes the noise signal and also reduces the error signal.

Claims 10-11 are similar to claims 1-3. Therefore, claims 10-11 are rejected under a similar rationale.

Regarding claim 13, Olafsson discloses the measured transmit power level is of the analog modem as addressed in claim 1 such as the digital modem 202 receives the transmit power level from the analog modem 204 and preforms a measurement on the transmit power level.

Regarding claim 14, Olafsson also discloses the constellation being designed by the digital modem (see Fig. 1).

Claims 15 -16 are similar to claims 4-5. Therefore, claims 15-16 are rejected under a similar rationale.

Claims 17-20 are similar to claims 1, 4 and 5. Therefore, claims 17-20 are rejected under a similar rationale.

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chi Pham**, can be reached on **(703) 305-4378**.

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